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RE: Last-Minute Independent Expenditure Notice (FEC Identification Number C00343137)

Dear Commissioners:

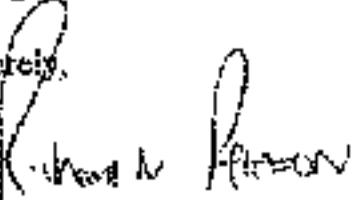
It has come to our attention that the Political Action Committee of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons did not file its notice of a last minute independent expenditure on a timely basis. As soon as we became aware of this inadvertent clerical error, we prepared the attached filing.

As Schedule E (FEC Form 3x) indicates, on July 30, 2004, the Political Action Committee of the American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons contributed \$200,000 to the Mercury Group in support of the campaign of Thomas Price in the Georgia Republican Party run-off.

We recognize that we must report this expenditure to the FEC a second time on Schedule E when we next file our regular report.

We regret any difficulties this inadvertent late filing may have caused.

Sincerely,


Richard N. Peterson
General Counsel
American Association of Orthopaedic Surgeons